



H.Res. 932 – Expressing support for designation of the week of February 4 through February 8, 2008 as "National School Counseling Week"

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 932 is being considered on the House floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Linda Sanchez (D-CA) on January 17, 2008. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor, but was never considered.

H.Res. 932 is expected to be considered on the House floor on January 23, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 932 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Honors and recognizes the contributions of school counselors to the success of students in our Nation's elementary and secondary schools; and
- Encourages the people of the United States to observe 'National School Counseling Week' with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of the crucial role school counselors play in preparing students for fulfilling lives as contributing members of society.

BACKGROUND

The American School Counselor Association declared February 4 through February 8, 2008 as 'National School Counseling Week.'

National School Counseling Week highlights the impact that school counselors have in helping students achieve academic success, plan for college, and develop career paths.

The average student-to-counselor ratio in American public schools is 476-1, which is almost double the 250-1 ratio recommended by the American School Counselor Association, the American Counseling Association, the American Medical Association, the American Psychological Association, and other organizations.

The House included elementary and secondary school counseling programs in its revision and reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, which was reauthorized by the House passage of No Child Left Behind on May 21, 2001.

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